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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR INFORMATION CONCERNING
PARTICIPATION IN ECLA MEETING

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1. ON JUNE 10, EC/COM COUNSELOR WAS ABLE TO REVIEW POINTS REFTEL WITH DRA. TERESA DE ZEA, FOREIGN MINISTRY UNDER-SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC AFFIARS, AND DRA. ANA SIXTA DE CUADROS, GOC REPRESENTATIVE TO THE HAVANA MEETING. DRA. DE CUADROS HAS BEEN ACTIVE IN PROGRAMS TO ADVANCE THE STATUS OF WOMEN FOR SEVERAL YEARS AND SHOULD BE WELL KNOWN TO US DELEGATION.

2. ACCORDING TO DRS. DE ZEA AND THE CUADROS, THE GOC BASICALLY IS OPPOSED TO DUPLICATION OF EFFORT AND THE PRO-LIFERATION OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND COMMISSIONS AND, NORMALLY, WOULD BE INCLINED NOT TO SUPPORT ESTABLISH-MENT OF A SEPARATE ECLA REGIONAL INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMIT-TEE. DE CUADROS, HOWEVER, IS CONCERNED BY THE LACK OF CUBAN REPRESENTATION ON THE OAS/IACW AND ALSO BY THE FACT THAT THE OAS NATIONAL LEVEL VOLUNTARY COMMITTEES OF COOPERATION HAVE NEITHER THE RECOGNITION NOR THE INFLUENCE OVER GOVERN-
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MENT POLICY DECISIONS THAT WOULD RESULT FROM THE ECLA APPROACH. FROM DRA. DE CUADROS' POINT OF VIEW, THE IDEAL SOLUTION TO THE QUESTIONS OF CUBA AND SITRUCTURE WOULD BE THE CREATION OF AN ORGANIZATION SIMILAR TO THE PAN AMERICAN HEALTH ORGANIZATION, THUS COMBINING OAS AND UN ACTIVITIES AND AVOIDING DUPLICATION.

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3. AS FOR POLITICAL ISSUES, GOC PREFERS THAT CONFERENCES

SUCH AS ECLA MEETING FOCUS ON TECHNICAL MATTERS. HOWEVER, DRA. DE CUADROS BELIEVES THAT IT WILL BE NEARLY IMPOSSIBLE TO AVOID CONSIDERATION OF TOPICS SUCH AS THE PANAMA CANAL NEGOTIATIONS SINCE THEY ARE SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED IN THE ECLA PLAN. SHE FURTHER BELIEVES IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO THE TONE OF THE CONFERENCE IF THE US WERE TO REFRAIN FROM INTRODUCING POLITICAL ISSUES, PARTICULARLY DETAILED OBSERVATIONS ON HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE ECLA MEMBER COUNTRIES.

4. DRA. DE CUADROS SAID THA SHE WOULD BE PLEASED TO MEET WITH USDEL AND TO DISCUSS IN DEAIL US POSITION AND COLOMBIAN CONCERNS. SHE WILL ARRIVE IN HAVANA FROM MEXICO ON SUNDAY.
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